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## Cromwell Advertisements



**DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.,**  
WHOLESALE  
AND  
RETAIL  
FAMILY GROCERS,  
AND  
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

D. A. JOLLY & CO. desire to return thanks to the people of Cromwell and the surrounding districts for the liberal encouragement they have received since opening the above establishment; and as they intend devoting their attention exclusively to the Grocery and Wine and Spirit trade, they confidently hope, from their connection in Dunedin, to be able to place before the public a genuine class of goods, well and carefully selected, at prices that cannot fail to give general satisfaction. They would respectfully invite attention more especially to the following articles in stock:—

Teas of excellent flavor, in chests, half-chests, and boxes  
Coffees not to be surpassed in quality  
Cocoa and Chocolate of the best brands  
Sugar—crystals and crushed loaf  
Raisins—Muscatel, Sultan, and Eleme  
Jams, Jellies, Pickles, and Sauces  
Bacon, Cheese, and Butter of prime quality  
Tobacco—Imperial Ruby Twist, Barrett's Twist, Old Sport, and Aromatic  
Oils—Salad, Castor, and Kerosene  
Candles of the best brands  
Soaps—Blue Mottled, Yellow, and Scented in bars and cakes, &c., &c.

GRAIN.  
Wakatip Oats, Wheat, and Chaff  
SPIRITS.

Islay Whisky—Arbegg's and Long Jones'  
Hennessey's and Martell's Brandy, in bulk and case

J.D.K.Z. Geneva  
Burnett's Old Tom  
Lemon Hart's Rum in bulk  
Porter—Blood's, Byass's, and Guinness's

CORDIALS.  
Ginger Wine, Raspberry Vinegar, Peppermint, Lemon Syrup, &c., &c.  
Dr Townsend's Sarsaparilla

Families waited on for orders, and goods delivered in all parts of the district at Cromwell prices.

**DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.,**  
HAVING RECEIVED A NEW AND SELECT  
ASSORTMENT OF  
**IRONMONGERY**

Beg to call public attention to the following:—

Blasting Powder and Fuse; Long and Short handle Shovels; Picks, Pick Handles, and Sluice Forks; Panikins, Gold Dishes, Billies; Galvanised Iron Buckets; American Tubs, Buckets, and Brooms; Axes and Handles; Manila Rope for mining purposes; Drilling Hammers and Handles; White Lead; Castor Oil in bulk; Washing-boards; Brushware of every description; Nails; Canvas; Hose Pipes.—Contracts undertaken for supplying Mining Co.'s with Material of all kinds, on liberal terms. Free delivery

**DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.'s**  
**DEPOT FOR MINING TOOLS,**  
CROMWELL.

**SHAMROCK STORE,**  
CROMWELL.

**WILLIAM SHANLY,**  
FAMILY GROCER,  
GENERAL STOREKEEPER,  
is carrying on business at the old-established premises, next to the Bank of New South Wales, Melmore-street.

The BEST QUALITY of GOODS only  
is kept in stock.

All orders will meet with prompt attention

## Cromwell Advertisements

**BELFAST STORE,**  
CLYDE AND CROMWELL.

WINES, SPIRITS, GROCERIES, HARD-WARE, COLONIAL PRODUCE,  
&c. &c. &c.

**JAMES HAZLETT**

Begs to inform the Public of the Dunstan District that, in connection with his established business of ten years at Clyde, he has opened EXTENSIVE PREMISES AT CROMWELL, where he will be able to supply the Trade, Run-holders, Farmers, and Private Families, with EVERY CLASS OF GOODS, of the very best description, at the lowest current rates.

JAMES HAZLETT would particularly mention that in the FLOUR & COLONIAL PRODUCE BUSINESS he can defy competition, as in that line he is in connection with Messrs WHITTINGHAM BROTHERS, of Queenstown, who are the largest buyers in the Lake District.

J. HAZLETT, being a CASH BUYER in the Dunedin and Melbourne Markets, feels confident he can sell the cheapest and best article in the District, and invites a visit from Purchasers.

Note the address:

**JAMES HAZLETT,**  
CLYDE AND CROMWELL.

**VICTORIA STORE, CROMWELL.**

**I. WRIGHT,**  
DRAPER, CLOTHIER, HOSIER,  
HABERDASHER, AND  
GENERAL STOREKEEPER.

I. WRIGHT is now offering an assortment of NEW and CHEAP GOODS, in

DRESS MATERIALS—Prints, Winceys, Alpaca, all-wool Plaids, French Merinos, &c.

Calicoes, Flannels, Blankets, Quilts  
Toilet Covers, Matting and Druggeting  
Ladies and Children's Underclothing  
BABY LINEN.

Also, a well-selected stock of  
Women and Children's Boots and Shoes, in leather, kid, and cashmere  
Ladies and Children's Hats, trimmed and un-trimmed

Ironmongery, Glass, Crockery  
Patent Medicines, Fancy Goods  
Toys, Jewellery, Cutlery, Stationery  
Perfumery, Musical Instruments  
Berlin and other Wools  
Paperhangings, Brushware  
Tobacco and Cigars  
and other Goods too numerous to mention.

NEWS AGENT.

**JOHN MARSH.**

"VALUE FOR MONEY."

**BRIDGE HOTEL,**

CROMWELL.

**STARKEY'S**  
**KAWARAU HOTEL,**  
CROMWELL.

Having purchased the above well-known hotel, G. M. STARKEY begs to inform his numerous friends, and the public generally, that it will be his study to maintain the high reputation the KAWARAU HOTEL has long since acquired for comfort.

One of Alcock's prize Billiard Tables (quite new.)  
Wines and Spirits of the very best quality.

An efficient Groom always in attendance.

## Cromwell Advertisements

**I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.,**  
CROMWELL, QUEENSTOWN, LAWRENCE,  
DUNEDIN, and MELBOURNE,

ARE DIRECT IMPORTERS OF

DRAPERY; BOOTS AND SHOES; GROCERIES; WINES, SPIRITS, AND PROVISIONS; IRONMONGERY; CROCKERY; BUILDING MATERIALS OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS; PAPERHANGINGS, OILS, & PAINTS; GRINDERY; FURNITURE AND BEDDING; SADDLERY; AND PATENT MEDICINES.

A supply of WHEAT, OATS, BRAN, & POLLARD always on hand.

Being the only authorised agents for

**ROBERTSON & HALLENSTEIN'S BRUNSWICK FLOUR MILLS,**  
LAKE WAKATIPU,

We are prepared to supply their best Silk-dressed Flour, guaranteed equal to Adelaide.

Having opened a branch establishment in Dunedin, solely for the manufacture of

**MENS' CLOTHING,**

We are in a position to offer to the public a SUPERIOR CLASS OF GOODS AT REDUCED PRICES.

We therefore respectfully solicit a continuance of the patronage hitherto bestowed, and our customers may rest assured that all orders entrusted to our care will be promptly executed.

**I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.**

**CROMWELL TIMBER & IRON YARD,**  
LATE MR GRANT'S  
NEW ZEALAND & AMERICAN TIMBER YARD.

**JAMES TAYLOR,**  
Carpenter and Builder, Ironmonger,



Has FOR SALE all kinds of Building Material suitable for the district.

Estimates given for Buildings at the LOWEST PRICES compatible with Good Material and Workmanship.

Punctuality and attention to all orders may be relied on.

A Large Assortment of Paperhangings, Paints, Glass, FURNITURE—comprising Chairs, Tables, Washstands, Iron Bedsteads, &c.  
Building Ironmongery, Carpenters' and Miners' Tools Hemp, Wire, and Manila Rope, SADDLERY, &c., cheap.

**Cromwell Veterinary Shoeing Forge,**  
Next door to Kidd's Cromwell Hotel.

**EDWARD LINDSAY,**  
(late of Clyde and Melbourne),  
GENERAL BLACKSMITH, FARRIER, AND  
MACHINIST,

Begs to intimate to his customers and the general public that he has REMOVED to his NEW PREMISES, next to the Cromwell Hotel, Melmore Terrace, where he will carry on every description of Blacksmith work and Farriery as heretofore.

E. LINDSAY begs to intimate to the Public generally that he has gone to the expense of getting a CAST-IRON BED FOR TIRING WHEELS on a new principle being the first introduced up-country, which he will guarantee to give general satisfaction; also, that he has made a reduction in the price of horse-shoeing.

LIGHT SHOES - - 12s.  
DRAUGHT " - - 17s.

**EDWARD LINDSAY,**  
Veterinary Shoeing Forge.

**JOHN W. THOMPSON,**  
FARRIER AND BLACKSMITH.

J. W. THOMPSON desires to announce to the inhabitants of Cromwell and the District that he has purchased the business lately carried on by Mr JAMES SLOAN as Farrier and Blacksmith. His long practical experience in all branches of the business, combined with moderate charges, will, he trusts, secure him a fair share of public patronage.

**THOMPSON'S**  
VETERINARY AND SHOEING FORGE,  
CROMWELL.

**THOMAS FOOTE,**  
TAILOR AND CLOTHIER,  
MELMORE TERRACE,  
CROMWELL.

Ladies' Riding Habits made to order.

**CHARLES COLCLOUGH,**  
SHAREBROKER, COMMISSION  
AGENT,  
ARBITRATOR, AND ACCOUNTANT  
CROMWELL.

Having arranged to devote my time exclusively to these occupations, business entrusted to my care will receive every attention.

Agent for the New Zealand Fire Insurance Company.

**K. P. R. E. T. S. C. H.,**  
CROMWELL,  
COACH AND GENERAL PAINTER,  
PAPERHANGER, &c.,

Has always on hand a fine selection of Paperhangings, Paints, Glass, and Mouldings of every description, at low prices.

Contracts undertaken for General Painting, Paperhanging, Decoration, and Sign Writing.

**E. M. URRAR & SONS**  
WATCHMAKERS AND JEWELLERS  
CROMWELL

All kinds of WATCHES, CLOCKS, and  
MUSICAL BOXES cleaned  
and repaired.  
Jewellery made and repaired.—Pipes mounted.

Observe the address :  
NEXT MARSH'S BRIDGE HOTEL.



**THE CROMWELL BAKERY.**  
J. SCOTT,  
BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER,  
Melmore-street, Cromwell.  
Families waited on for orders, and Bread  
regularly delivered in all parts of the district



**CROMWELL BUTCHERY**  
(WHOLESALE AND RETAIL),  
OWEN PIERCE PROPRIETOR.  
A supply of Meat of all descriptions always on  
hand, and sold at the Lowest Prices.



**FREE TRADE BUTCHERY,**  
(Wholesale and Retail).  
JAMES DAWKINS PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Hams,  
Bacon, &c., always on hand.  
Meat delivered at Town Prices throughout  
the district.

**SWAN BREWERY,**  
CROMWELL.  
GOODGER AND KUHTZE,  
Proprietors.

GOODGER AND KUHTZE are now prepared  
to supply their unrivalled XXXX ALES in any  
quantity.  
Orders left with Mr G. W. GOODGER, Crom-  
well, or at the Brewery, will be promptly at-  
tended to.

To FARMERS.  
GOODGER AND KUHTZE will be purchasers  
during the forthcoming season of any quantity  
of GOOD MALTING BARLEY.

GOODGER & KUHTZE  
**ARROW FLOUR MILLS.**  
To Runholders, Storekeepers, Bakers,  
and others.

Messrs BUTEL BROS. have much pleasure  
in announcing that they have appointed D. O.  
JOLLY & Co., of Cromwell, as their agents for  
the sale of their SILK-DRESSED FLOUR,  
BRAN, and POLLARD.

JOLLY & Co. will be prepared to promptly  
execute orders within a radius of Sixty Miles.  
FLOUR GUARANTEED.—TERMS LIBERAL.

**D. MACKELLAR,**  
ACCOUNTANT and  
GENERAL AGENT.

Manager of { Star of the East Quartz Mining  
Company, Registered;  
Colleen Bawn Quartz Mining Com-  
pany, Registered;  
Kawarau Bridge Company (Messrs  
McCormick, Grant, & Richards).

AGENT for { The Norwich Union Fire Insurance  
Company.

Office: Melmore-street, Cromwell.  
Mechanical Drawings furnished.—Specifications  
prepared.

Cromwell  
**CLOSE OF THE WINTER SEASON.**  
J. SOLOMON'S  
**CHEAP CLEARING SALE**  
IS NOW ON, AND WILL CONTINUE  
**For One Month Only.**

BEST VALUE IN CROMWELL FOR THE FOLLOWING GOODS:  
**DRAPERY**  
**CLOTHING**  
**BOOTS AND SHOES**  
**SADDLERY**  
**FANCY GOODS**  
**JEWELLERY**  
&c. &c. &c.

SPECIAL CHEAP LINES  
IN  
**LADIES' DRESSES & TRIMMED HATS**  
ALSO IN  
**MEN'S & YOUTH'S CLOTHING.**

ALL GOODS WILL BE SOLD DURING THE CHEAP SALE FOR NET CASH.  
**BE IN TIME IF YOU WANT TO SECURE GREAT BARGAINS.**

NO REASONABLE OFFER REFUSED.  
**MILLINERY & DRESSMAKING**  
Under the management of Mrs Solomon.  
**J. S O L O M O N,**  
THE ORIGINAL CHEAP DRAPER.  
(Premises lately occupied by the Bank of New Zealand.)

**JULES LA FONTAINE,**  
WHEELWRIGHT,  
MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.  
Is prepared to execute all orders and repairs in-  
trusted to him.  
Opposite the Bank of New South Wales.

**WILLIAM TAYLOR,**  
BOOTMAKER,  
MELMORE-STREET ... CROMWELL  
Has a large and varied stock of Boots and Shoes  
on hand, of the best quality.  
An inspection of the stock is invited.

Boots and Shoes made to order in the latest and  
most approved fashion.  
**ALL WORK GUARANTEED.**

PRICES MODERATE.  
NOTICE.

**COALS! COALS!! COALS!!!**  
The Cromwell Coal Works will in future be  
carried on by WILLIAMS & HAYES, who  
have much pleasure in calling the attention of  
the inhabitants of the Cromwell District to their  
New Seam of Coal, which is far superior to any  
hitherto obtained in the same works, or in any  
other portion of the District. They therefore  
respectfully solicit a continuance of the patron-  
age heretofore bestowed, with the conviction  
that that patronage will be deserved.

All orders entrusted to us will be attended to  
at once, and on the shortest notice, as we intend  
to keep a good supply of coals at the pit-mouth.  
Coals delivered anywhere, either in or out of the  
district; and lowest cartage prices charged.

20s. per ton at the Works.  
32s. " delivered.  
16 bags to the ton.  
**WILLIAMS & HAYES,**  
Coal Works, Cromwell

**F. SANSOM, SADDLER**  
AND  
HARNESS-MAKER.

Begs to inform the public that he is carrying on  
business at the Premises lately occupied by Mr  
Raven, in Cromwell, and trusts, by strict atten-  
tion and moderate charges, to merit the public  
patronage.

Collars, Pack-saddles, and Harness of every  
description made on the premises.  
Repairs done on the shortest notice

**N E W R U S H**  
TO THE  
**London House.**

W. TALBOYS  
Has just returned from Dunedin, after purchas-  
ing a large stock of  
**DRAPERY, CLOTHING, & BOOTS.**  
At a small advance on the English cost, which  
will be sold at such prices as must command a  
**SPEEDY CLEARANCE.**

Goods will be sold CHEAPER than at the late  
Clearing Sale.

The motto of this House will be Small Profits  
and Quick Returns. 2½ per cent. will be al-  
lowed on all cash transactions, and 5 per cent.  
will be charged on all accounts not paid within  
a month. Goods will be sold on these terms only.

Note the address :  
**W. TALBOYS,**  
**LONDON HOUSE,**  
231 CROMWELL.

**CROMWELL APOTHECARIES'**  
HALL.

**MAX GALL**  
**CHEMIST & DRUGGIST,**

Dealer in Fancy Goods, Perfumery, Stationery,  
Tobacco and Cigars.

Prescriptions accurately prepared.  
Large stock of Patent Medicines always on hand,  
and sold at a price considerably lower  
than ordinarily charged.

**MAX GALL,**

Begs to inform the public that the whole of his  
stock may be relied upon as being of a first-class  
character; and he hopes, by giving the utmost  
care and attention to his business, to deserve  
and get the support of the inhabitants of Crom-  
well and the surrounding districts.

Credit not given for Medicines supplied, ex-  
cept by agreement made; and 5 per cent. will  
be charged on all accounts not settled within a  
month.

June 1, 1874.

NOTICE.  
**POISON** for DOGS will be laid on  
MOUNT PISA STATION on and after this  
date.  
**I. LOUGHNAN,**  
Mount Pisa, 12th May 1870.—27c

Kawarau Gorge  
**KAWARAU GORGE COALPIT**  
AND  
**LIME-KILN.**

The undersigned begs to announce that the  
above pit is in splendid working order, and that  
he is raising coals of an excellent quality.

In connection with the pit, he is also working  
a LIME-KILN, and is prepared at a day's no-  
tice to supply first-class building lime in any  
quantity, and at reasonable rates.

J. W. ROBERTSON,

Bannockburn  
**BANNOCKBURN HOTEL & STORE,**  
DOCTOR'S FLAT, BANNOCKBURN,  
(On the Main Road to the Nevis).

GROCERIES, CLOTHING, BOOTS, and House-  
HOLD REQUISITES of all descriptions  
kept in Stock.

The Goods, being obtained DIRECT from  
Dunedin, are retailed at the LOWEST POS-  
SIBLE PRICES.

N.P.—Good Stabling, Horse Feed, &c.

JOHN RICHARDS, PROPRIETOR.

**BANNOCKBURN TIMBER YARD**  
AND CARPENTER'S SHOP.

**JAMES TAYLOR,**  
CROMWELL TIMBER AND IRON YARD,  
Begs to inform the Residents of BANNOCKBURN,  
NEVIS, PORTERS, &c., that in order to meet the  
increasing requirements of those districts, he  
has opened a Branch Establishment at Doctor's  
Flat, opposite Mr Richards' Store.

A good supply of TIMBER and IRON for  
Building and Mining purposes always on hand.

Best Material and Workmanship Cheap for Cash

**WILLIAM SUTHERLAND & CO.,**  
(Late of Loganstown),  
GENERAL BLACKSMITHS & FARRIERS,

Beg to intimate to Mining Companies and the  
public generally that they have removed to  
QUARTZVILLE, next to HAZLETT'S Carrick  
Range Hotel, where they hope, by strict atten-  
tion to business and reasonable charges, to merit  
a share of their patronage.

**CARRICK RANGE HOTEL,**  
QUARTZVILLE.

**CHARLES PEAKE,**  
Proprietor.

The Proprietor, having recently purchased the  
above well-known and centrally-situated Hotel,  
is now in a position to offer first-class accommo-  
dation to all who may favour him with their  
patronage.

The Premises are fitted up and furnished on  
the most complete scale, and the arrangements  
for the comfort of visitors and travellers are  
second to none in the district.

CONSIDERABLE BILLIARD ROOM,  
fitted with one of Julius Paser's full-sized table

AN EXCELLENT SIX-STALLED STABLE,  
with careful groom always in attendance.

188 **CHARLES PEAKE.**

Alberttown

**ALBERT HOTEL,**  
STORE, & POST-OFFICE,  
**ALBERT TOWN.**

H. NORMAN

Begs to intimate that he has made very exten-  
sive improvements in the above old establish-  
ment, and can now offer unrivalled accommoda-  
tion, both for man and horse.

A large stock of GENERAL STORES & DRAPERY  
always on hand.

Old acquaintances will please remember  
that they can still make themselves perfectly at  
home at

**H. NORMAN'S,**  
ALBERT TOWN.

## Luggate

## ALBION HOTEL AND STORE

LUGGATE,

28 miles from Cromwell, on the main road to Lake Wanaka).

H. MAIDMAN ..... Proprietor.

This well-known Hotel possesses every accommodation for the comfort and convenience of travellers.

Groceries, Clothing, Drapery, Ironmongery, Mining Tools, &c., &c., constantly on hand, at Cromwell prices.

GOOD STABLING.

N.B.—District Post Office.

## Wanaka

## WANAKA HOTEL, PEMBROKE.

The above hotel, which is delightfully situated on the margin of the Wanaka Lake, offers to the tourist and pleasure-seeker advantages rarely to be met with.

The scenery in the neighbourhood is exceedingly picturesque; and on an island in the Lake there is excellent rabbit-shooting.

An excellent Four-stalled STABLE, and a Paddock, for horses.

THEODORE RUSSELL,

Proprietor.

## Arrowtown

## R. PRITCHARD,

Wholesale and Retail Storekeeper,

WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MERCHANT, ARROWTOWN.

The largest and best-assorted stock of Wines, Spirits, Groceries, and Provisions in the district. A well-assorted stock of Boots and Shoes, Drapery, &c.

Agent for

T. ROBINSON &amp; Co.,

Agricultural Implement Manufacturers, Dunedin and Melbourne.

## Queenstown

## THE Right Man in the Right Place.

W. J. BARRY

AT THE

PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL, QUEENSTOWN.

The accommodation at the PRINCE OF WALES is unsurpassed. New rooms have lately been erected for private families; and visitors may depend upon every convenience and comfort combined with moderate charges.

HOT DRINKS.

Hot Purl; hot spiced Ale and Porter; Coffee Royal; hot Coffee and Milk. Steamer always going.

## PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL

Corner of Beach and Rees Streets, QUEENSTOWN.

## Clyde

## MEDICAL HALL, CLYDE.

LOUIS HOTOP,

CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST,

SUNDERLAND-ST., CLYDE.

Prescriptions carefully prepared.

BOOKSELLER, STATIONER, AND NEWS VENDER.

Importer of English, Foreign, and Colonial Newspapers and Magazines.

Libraries and Magazine Clubs supplied at a small advance upon English prices.

## CAUTION.—Spurious "HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT."

I take leave most respectfully to inform the public of Australia that spurious imitations of my medicines, emanating from the United States, and labelled "Holloway's Pills" or "Holloway's Ointment," London and New York, are being sold in the Australian Colonies.

I have but one place of business, as at foot, and there only are my genuine remedies manufactured; allow me, then, to caution you against being victimised by unscrupulous vendors.

Should any person be so deceived, and will kindly inform me of the same, I will take such steps as will effectually put a stop to this imposition.—I remain, with great respect,

Yours faithfully,

THOMAS HOLLOWAY.

533, Oxford-street,

London, January 13, 1874.

## CARRICK RANGE WATER SUPPLY CO., REGISTERED.

Nominal Capital . . . . . £12,000,  
In 12,000 shares of £1 each.

## SECOND ALLOTMENT OF SHARES.

DIRECTORS.

Mr JAMES TAYLOR Mr JOHN MARSH  
" JAMES HAZLETT " WILLIAM GRIFFITHS  
" DAVID A. JOLLY " WM. GOLDSMITH  
Mr JAMES STUART.

An extraordinary meeting of shareholders was held in the Company's office on Wednesday, 11th February, 1874, at which it was resolved to re-open the share list of the Company, which, it will be recollected, was closed upon the 1st of December last, and up till which time 2195 shares had been taken up.

The same meeting authorised the Directors to borrow the sum of £4000 from the Government, to aid in carrying on the works if it were found necessary. It was unanimously felt that even if it should not be required, the power to draw upon such a sum would give increased stability to the Company.

Eleven and a half miles of the race have been already completed, at a cost of nearly £3000, and there only remain now a little more than six and a half miles to be finished before the race is complete. During the progress of these six miles, creeks will be crossed from which seventeen sluiceways of water are granted to the Company, independently of the Coal Creek supply. About four chains at the present time only remain to be cut, before a creek is reached from which two heads are granted. The Directors at the same time do not wish to conceal the fact that the completion of the six miles will be attended with as much difficulty as was met with in the first eleven and a half miles.

The Directors feel assured that the merits of the Carrick water scheme are too well known and recognised to require many remarks from them. The water will, when brought in, command one of the largest sluicing and quartz mining districts in Otago, and one which only requires a supply of water to develop its hitherto almost untouched resources. As an instance of the demand which at present exists for water on the Carrick, it may be mentioned that the sum of five pounds per week is now paid by the United Star and Oak and Elizabeth quartz companies for a supply which cannot be said to equal one-quarter of a sluiceway.

Under all the circumstances briefly indicated above, the Directors expect to be well supported in further prosecuting the undertaking. Eight of the local shareholders who were present at the extraordinary meeting were so well satisfied with the progress of the work, that their names were put down at the conclusion of the meeting for 780 additional shares.

The conditions under which shares will be allotted are as follows:—Two shillings and sixpence to be paid upon application, and the balance in monthly instalments of two shillings and sixpence each.

J. MARSHALL,

Manager.

The applications for shares in the Carrick Range Water Supply Company (second issue) will be considered and determined on the 1st of July next ensuing, or at the first meeting of Directors thereafter held.

Mr W. ORAM BALL, of Dunedin, and Mr Wm. HAYES, of Lawrence, are authorised to receive applications on behalf of the Company.

J. MARSHALL,

Manager.

## BEST PORT WINE

FOR INVALIDS

Can be obtained of D. A. JOLLY & Co.  
Price, 63s per dozen.

## BANNOCKBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

After Monday, April 27th, the Bannockburn Library will be in the SCHOOLMASTER'S RESIDENCE, Smith's Gully.

Terms of Subscription:

Five Shillings entrance fee; and One Shilling a Month, payable quarterly in advance.

## CROMWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Reading-room is open to Subscribers on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays.

The Library contains an extensive variety of Books in every department of literature; and about £40 worth of New Works is expected to arrive shortly from Great Britain.

All the Provincial Newspapers, and a number of English Papers and Periodicals, are regularly received for the use of Subscribers.

Annual Subscription, £1 1s; Half-Yearly, 12s 6d Quarterly, 7s 6d.

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THE ART PRESERVATIVE OF ALL ARTS.

## CROMWELL ARGUS

General Printing Office,

MELMORE TERRACE.

MATTHEWS &amp; MACKELLAR,

MERCANTILE AND DECORATIVE PRINTERS,

EXECUTE ORDERS FOR

PRINTING

OF EVERY KIND

In the most modern styles of the Art.

## BOOK AND PAMPHLET WORK

Unsurpassed in the Colony.

PLAIN, ENAMELLED, CARDS COLORED, EMBOSSED

In endless variety of style.

## ADMISSION TICKETS

For Balls, Concerts, Lectures, Entertainments, Soirees, &amp;c. &amp;c.

## BALL PROGRAMMES.

NEWEST STYLES.

## Business &amp; Invitation Circulars.

Printed in New and Elegant Type,

ON FINE POST OR FANCY NOTE PAPER.

## MINING COMPANIES' SCRIP

(Superior to Lithographed)

ON FIRST-CLASS LOAN PAPER.

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ANY SIZE,

BLACK OR COLOURED INKS.

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SUPERB DESIGNS,

In Coloured Inks or Gold Bronze.

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## PARLIAMENTARY TELEGRAMS.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14.

On the second reading of the Railways Bill, Mr Mervyn suggested that surveys should be made in the Clyde district to ascertain the best route for the main line. The present lines, being along the seaboard, opened up very little country.

Mr T. L. Shepherd disapproved of the blindness of the Provincial authorities in not constructing an arterial line through the Province to tap the goldfields and the large quantity of Crown land now idle.

Mr J. E. Brown suggested an extension of the schedule as regarded the Canterbury railways.

The Premier said that the great work the Government had in view was to carry forward the great trunk main lines from Auckland to Wellington, whether by the east or west coasts, and to connect Nelson with the West Coast and Marlborough with North Canterbury. These must be first carried out, and the branch lines to Tokomairiro and Dunstan might then be dealt with. The branch lines should be a charge upon the land fund, as they so much enhanced the value of the land. Already £206,500 had been voted for railways in Otago out of a total sum of £557,500 authorised.

The Premier announced that probably the Polynesian Islands Trade Bill would not be proceeded further with this session. In any case he could not proceed with it while the abolition debate was pending, and the result of which was so uncertain.

The whole of Monday's sitting was taken up with the debate on the Abolition of Provinces Bill.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18.

Mr Shepherd asked whether the Government would cause a case to be submitted for the decision of the Supreme Court as to the right of miners to foul rivers and streams under the existing Goldfields Acts. He explained that several suits had been commenced in Otago against miners for fouling streams, and it would be much in the interest of miners that the doubt at present existing as to their right to do so should be set at rest. The cheapest way would be for a friendly suit to be instituted, with the object of laying a case before the Supreme Court for decision.

The Premier said the Government were fully alive to the importance of the question, and, having regard to the interests of the parties, would consent to pay the costs of both sides, if the litigants would consent to such a course. Mr Shepherd, in reply, said it would be easy, if necessary, to raise a friendly suit with the view of deciding the question, and the steps to be taken. He would take advantage of the offer of the Government.

The Cromwell Waterworks Bill, introduced by Mr T. L. Shepherd, and authorising the Corporation to raise £5,000, for a water supply, has passed through both Houses.

The debate on the North Island question was continued.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19.

In the Legislative Council, during consideration of the Burial Ground Closing Bill, the following new clause was carried on a division by 16 to 10:—"It shall be lawful for any person, by will or deed, duly executed, to direct that his or her body shall after death be disposed of by burning the same to ashes, instead of by burial in the earth; and it shall be lawful for the executors of such person to carry into effect such directions, provided that such burning shall be conducted in a manner which shall not create any public or private nuisance."

The abolition resolutions occupied the time of the Assembly in a great measure until Thursday evening, when a division was taken rather hurriedly with the following result:—For resolutions, 41; against, 16. The following is the division list:—

Pairs for resolution: Paraia, Inglis, C. W. Parker, T. L. Shepherd, Carrington. Against: Takamona, Brandon, Murray, J. Gillies, Thomson.

Ayes.—M'Lean, Bradshaw, Vogel, Gibbs, Jackson, J. E. Brown, Tolmie, Luckie, Steward, Monro, Murray, Seymour, Fox, Cuthbertson, Tribe, O'Connor, Andrew, Stafford, Studholme, Katene, M'Gillivray, J. Shephard, Richmond, Kenny, O'Neill, Webb, Taiaroa, Buckland, Bryce, Bluet, W. Kelly, Reynolds, Creighton, Wood, G. B. Parker, Ormond, M'Glashan, Wilson, T. Kelly, Atkinson, Richardson.

Noes.—J. C. Brown, Curtis, Fitzherbert, Hunter, Macandrew, May, Reeves, Reid, Rolleston, Sheehan, Swanson, Williamson, Bunny, T. B. Gillies, Montgomery.

Members on precincts who did not vote: Harrison, O'Rorke, Pierce, Johnston, Wakefield, Wales, White, Von der Heyde.

Under the heading of "Australian News" elsewhere, the rather astonishing fact is notified of certain young ladies having received a legacy of £30,000, of which sum they distributed £20,000 in charities. This amount, however, was a mistake, as the actual amount distributed was £2000.

The Thames Star's correspondent at Whaka Tiwai gives the following quantities of food distributed by the Ngatipape to their guests at the meeting now on:—59 tons flour, 7 tons of sugar, 1000 kits of potatoes, 5000 dried sharks, 77 large pigs, 16 head of cattle, 1 dozen boxes of tea, 2 large boxes of tobacco. Besides which they presented the Ngatimaru with a large canoe and five merc pounamu. The talk at the Native meeting has commenced, and is not likely to lead to any important result.



## WANTED.

A SHEPHERD. Six or Twelve Months' Engagement, as may be agreed upon. Also, a smart, active LAD, to make himself generally useful. Also, a MAN, to erect about 40 chains of Sod Wall. To be let by contract. Apply Kaurau Station.

JAMES COWAN.

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In the Estate of MICHAEL SHANLY, Deceased.

The Executors in the above Estate have for sale the following properties:—

All that Farm of Land situated near Cromwell, known as SHANNON FARM, containing 200 acres or thereabouts, partly under crop, and partly ploughed ready for seed; the whole well and securely fenced. Together with HOUSE, Stable, Piggeries, Yards, etc.

Also, a Stack of unthreshed Oats

A quantity of Hay and other produce

Several good farming HORSES; a Spring Cart; Horse Chaff-cutter, &c.; and Several well-bred CATTLE.

The whole of the above will be sold in one or several lots to suit the convenience of purchasers.

The farm may be LEASED for one year, if desired. Early application is necessary to

CHARLES COLCLOUGH,  
Cromwell.

## THOROUGHbred HORSES.

FRIDAY, AUG. 28, 1874.

GEORGE FACHE, instructed by Messrs HAZLETT and BECK, Executors to the late DAVID TAGGART, will sell by public auction at STARKEY'S KAWARAU HOTEL, Cromwell, on the above date, at one o'clock sharp, the celebrated and well-known thoroughbred horses,

BOOMERANG and FENIAN.

Without reserve; Terms cash.

These horses are so well and favourably known in the District, that further than saying they are in perfect form and good health, other comment is unnecessary.

At the same time and place, Mr FACHE (for the benefit of whom it may concern) will sell

One first-class weight-carrying HACK, and Several useful Horses.

## MONSTER SWEEPSTAKE ON THE MELBOURNE CUP, 1874.

300 SUBSCRIBERS AT £1 1s. EACH.

To be divided as follows:

First Horse	£150
Second do.	60
Third do.	20
Starters	40
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Tickets forwarded to Subscribers immediately on receipt of Cash, Bank Draft, or P.O.O.

Early application to be made to the undersigned.

GEORGE M. STARKEY, Treas.

JOHN MARSH, Secretary.

Starkey's Kaurau Hotel, Cromwell.

## MRS CHRISTIE,

MIDWIFE,

CROMWELL.

Residence: Opposite Mr W. Howe's.

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## TENDERS

Will be received, up to SEPTEMBER 2nd proximo, for the ERECTION of an HOSPITAL BUILDING (STONE). Plans and Specifications may be seen at my office, Cromwell.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,

Secretary.

## FOR SALE OR TO LET.

THE "PIONEER" DREDGE,

Now on the River Kaurau, about a mile above the Gentle Annie Bridge; with all the plant, tools, etc., used in working the same.

Terms reasonable.

For particulars as to terms, etc., apply to the Office of this Paper, or to

JOHN PERRIAM,

Lowburn.

## CROMWELL KREWING LODGE (S.C.)

The REGULAR MEETING of the above Lodge will be held on Wednesday, 26th inst. Business: Passings. By order of the R.W.M.

## New Advertisements.

## CROMWELL JOCKEY CLUB. SPRING MEETING.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1874.

STEWARDS.

Messrs ROBERT KIDD, JAMES COWAN, G. M. STARKEY, JAMES TAYLOR, I. LOUGHNAN, and C. E. GUDGEON.

JUDGE.—Mr D. A. JOLLY.

STARTER.—Mr JAMES DAWKINS.

CLERK OF THE COURSE.—Mr O. PIERCE.

## PROGRAMME.

MAIDEN PLATE, of 10 sovs. Open to all horses that have never won an advertised prize of over £5. Weight for age. Distance, one mile. Entrance, 15s.

SPRING HANDICAP, of 30 sovs. Nomination, 21s.; acceptance, 21s. Distance, a mile and a half.

HACK SELLING RACE, of 10 sovs. Winner to be sold for £15; any surplus to go to race fund. No weight under 10st. Distance, three-quarters of a mile; heats. Post entry.

PUBLICANS' HANDICAP, of 20 sovs. Nomination, 15s.; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one mile.

HURRY SCURRY, of 5 sovs., for bona fide HACKS. No weight under 10st. Distance, three-quarters of a mile. Entrance, 7s. 6d. Post entry.

## RULES.

No entry will be received for any of the above races except upon the following conditions:—That all disputes, claims, and objections arising out of the racing shall be decided by the Stewards, or those whom they may appoint. Their decision upon all points connected with the carrying out of this programme shall be final.

Nominations for Spring and Publicans' Handicaps to be sent in to the Secretary, enclosing nomination and qualification fees, on or before the 18th day of September, before 10 o'clock a.m.

Weights of Spring Handicap to be declared in CROMWELL ARGUS of 29th September. Acceptances, with colours, to be sent in on night of general entry, viz., October 1st, not later than eight p.m.

Entrances for the Maiden Plate will be received by the Secretary on or before 8 p.m. on Thursday, 1st October.

Weights for Publicans' Handicap to be declared on the racecourse, after the running of the Spring Handicap, when acceptances will be received.

No person will be allowed to enter a horse for either Handicap unless he be a subscriber of at least one guinea to the race fund.

The rules of the Dunstan Jockey Club will be strictly enforced.

GEORGE JENOUR,

Secretary.

## NOTICE TO TRADESMEN. and Whom it may Concern.

I will not be responsible for any DEBTS incurred by my WIFE, ANN HARDING, under any circumstances whatever, after this notice.

EDWD. S. HARDING.

Carriekton, August 24, 1874.

LOST, a Gold Watch-key, with Half-Sovereign annexed; between Kaurau Gorge and Cromwell. £1 reward will be paid on delivery to

ALFRED MMINN.

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND BAZAAR.

The GIFTS for the Bazaar will be ON VIEW and FOR SALE at Kidd's Hall on THURSDAY, September 24, from 2 to 5, and in the Evening from 7 to 10; and on FRIDAY afternoon (the 25th) from 2 to 5.

The Auction will commence at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

WANTED.—Two or Three MEN, accustomed to Sod and Wire Fencing.

Apply early to Mr J. SCOTT, Baker or A. Y. JOHNSTONE, Cromwell.

August 24, 1874.

## ALEXANDRA.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1874.

To Capitalists, Speculators, and others.

JOHN COLE CHAPPLE, instructed by Mr EDWARD CHARNOCK, will sell by public auction on the above date, at noon sharp, the property known as the

NEWCASTLE COAL-PIT,

situated at Alexandra,

(For which a lease of Eight Acres is held from the Waste Land Board.)

One first-class 25-foot overshot water-wheel. Current wheel, constructed on punts, about eight horse-power.

One Boat and wire rope

Two sets pumps, 8 and 6-inch, with working barrel

2 draught grey horses (staunch)

3 draught Mares, in foal

1 Mare—"Miss Slipfoot"

1 Colt, rising four years

1 draught Colt, rising four years

1 draught Filly, rising three years

2 draught Fillies

2 drays, 2 spring-carts

1 four-seated Buggy

Dray and leading Harness, Buggy Harness, double and single

180 feet 3½-inch Wire Rope

Set of Harrows, Weighing Machine.

The Auctioneer begs to state that the Newcastle Coal Pit is the best property in the District, and the only reasons for the present owner disposing of it are on account of his having broken his leg, coupled with his late bereavement, and that for the future he is determined to devote the whole of his time to his wheelwright business.

Remember the date:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1874.

JOHN COLE CHAPPLE,

Auctioneer.

## FOR SALE ON FRIDAY NEXT.

The well-known Mare, ETTY MORRIS, 6 yrs, by Morris Dancer.

## FOR SALE.

A quantity of SEED OATS.

JAMES HAZLETT,

Belfast Store.

## CORPORATION OF CROMWELL.

TENDERS are hereby invited for the work of Removing Rubbish and Night Soil to the Depot; Looking after the Town Race, &c., as per Specifications.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,

Town Clerk.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above will be held THIS EVENING, at 8 o'clock, in the Schoolhouse.

JOHN MARSH,

Chairman.

## MARRIAGE.

On the 20th instant, by the Rev. B. Drake, at Rocky Point, Morven Hills Station, DONALD MUNRO, formerly of Guisachan, Invernesshire, Scotland, to ANNE, eldest daughter of Mr Kenneth McDonald, Harris, Invernesshire, Scotland.

## DEATH.

On Friday, 21st instant, at Bannockburn, ERASMUS, youngest son of Samuel Halcrow, aged 14 months.

## Cromwell Argus,

AND NORTHERN GOLD-FIELDS GAZETTE.

CROMWELL: TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 1874.

The subject of a water supply for the town, which was expected to be considered at last Council meeting, had to give place to the all-important and pressing Block IX. question. A Committee of the whole Council is to meet before the next general meeting, to discuss and report on the matter.

What struck us as a very queer reason for paying an account was given at the last Town Council meeting. In a blacksmith's account sent in, there was a charge of £1 made for a culvert-grating, and the Finance Committee reported that they could find no trace of any authority having been given for its manufacture, and suggested that before paying for it some inquiry should be made. But Mr Councillor Grant said he did not see why the blacksmith should wait for his money, even if he did make it on spec; it was a good grating, and it was needed where it had been put, and it was an act of friendship to put it there, and it ought to be paid for. We are going to print a business advertisement for this Councillor, and we're going to say it was an act of friendship on our part, but we don't know if we're going to get paid for it.

The prorogation of the Assembly is fixed for Friday next, the 28th instant.

Apparently the time may not be far distant when cremation will be the order of the day, or the order of the dead, in New Zealand. The Lords in Parliament assembled, at any rate, have evidently seen the force of taking such a thing into contemplation, as will be noticed on reference to "Parliamentary Telegrams."

The schooner Eureka, which trades on Lake Wānaka, has recently undergone a thorough overhauling, having been well repaired and fresh painted. She is now once more in excellent sailing trim; and is in good order for the approaching summer season, so that visitors to the Lake district may be certain of being fitly and pleasantly conveyed from point to point of the beauties of this most beautiful of Otago's inland seas.

Might we suggest to the School Committee the advisability of forming a decent approach to the main door of their new building? This would be a convenience felt on Sunday evenings by those who are church-goers, and though it is hardly the correct thing to hint that Good Templars might come to grief in leaving their social meetings, still they might be equally benefited. Besides, a little improvement in the way referred to would be no drawback to appearances in front of the building.

Good Templarism is making many converts among us. The latest is a well-known publican; at least, it would appear so. In a shop of his, recently left untenanted, he has placed a quantity of apples, which he has labelled "A Consignment from W. Fox, Esq.," and which he invites his Good Templar friends to come and buy. We cannot say whether any responded to the invitation, but doubtless if they did they got "Value for Money." We hope the publican referred to will not consider this paragraph a libel on his fair fame.

Rather a good joke occurred in connection with the Block IX. discussion at the Council meeting on Friday evening. Cr Grant said he could not understand who this Marsh was that had written to the Government: was Marsh a man or a woman? The Mayor said the Under-Secretary called him a Mr Marsh. But this did not sufficiently explain the matter in the estimation of Mr Marsh, who was present; and, leaving the Chamber, he presently returned with a polite note to Mr Grant, and an enclosure of his card. Mr Grant was satisfied, and now he knows Mr Marsh.

The Committee of the Cromwell Jockey Club held a meeting at Mr Heron's White Hart Hotel, on Friday evening last. The principal business was to receive the report of the Programme Committee appointed at last meeting, and make arrangements in connection with the approaching Spring Meeting. Stewards, Judge, etc., were appointed in due order; and Messrs Marsh and Starkey were appointed to canvass for subscriptions. Dr Stirling was elected a member of the Club. The sale of the privileges in connection with the meeting was fixed to take place on the 23rd September, Mr J. C. Chapple to be the auctioneer.

It is but seldom that we give the Clerk of the Weather a paragraph, but really he has been so excessively gracious towards our district lately that he is deserving of the very highest laudatory notice. The weather for the last fortnight or three weeks has been perfectly delightful; bright, warm days, and calm, pleasant evenings have been the unbroken rule. Visitors from drizzly Dunedin and other places down-country envy us greatly. According to a Wellington telegram we publish above, we may expect a change, but we hope that this appreciation on our part of the graciousness and goodness of the Clerk will secure us a continuation of present favours.

The land behind Messrs Driver, Stewart, & Co.'s stores, Rattray-street, and on the training wall, was to-day sold by Mr James Milner. There were thirty-eight sections in all, and the total sum realised was £16,600—the largest amount ever realised in the Province by a one day's sale. In addition to the price, except in the case of two lots, the purchaser has to bear the cost of filling in the sections, which would considerably enhance its value.—Dunedin Star.

In the Supreme Court, Nelson, on the 20th of August, the trial of Mervina Bosely, for the murder of her wife, and William Millyard for being an accessory after the fact, has excited great interest. The Court was crowded during both days. At the close of the case for the prosecution, the Judge directed that Millyard should be discharged. After an hour's deliberation, the Jury found the prisoner Bosely guilty of manslaughter, and he was sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment.

We are informed that while in Dunedin, Mr Pritchard met with much encouragement in the matter of the proposed Woollen Factory at Hayes Creek, the general opinion being that the scheme was one worthy of support. In the district itself, many influential and wealthy men have promised to take large interests in the new industry, and there is no doubt when it is placed on the market it will be quickly and successfully floated. We understand it has been decided to let the matter stand over for a little, the market being rather tight at the present time. When things look a bit brighter, the details of the concern will be placed before the public.—Arrow Observer.

About fifteen gentlemen met at Hawthorne's Benlago Hotel, Clyde, last evening, to consider in what manner the district could best convey to Mr A. Christophers, the resident agent of the Bank of New South Wales, who has been transferred to the Lawrence agency, its sense of his many sterling qualities, and as a recognition of the many valuable services rendered by him to every public institution. B. Naylor, Esq., who was voted to the chair, called for suggestions. After some slight discussion it was resolved—"That a substantial token be presented him, the nature of same to be decided at a future meeting." A list was then opened, and the handsome sum of £67 4s was subscribed in the room. Mr W. Eames was appointed Secretary, and Mr B. Naylor Treasurer, to either of whom communications may be addressed.—Dunstan Times.

Dr Millen Coughtrey has been appointed Professor of Anatomy and Physiology to the University of Otago.

The Mail states that the Rev. Jackson Smith, of St. Peter's Church, Queenstown, has forwarded his resignation to Bishop Nevill, in consequence of having received an invitation to a living in England.

The local Lodge of Good Templars have presented to Mr A. Peach, a handsome gold locket in recognition of his services in connection with the order in Arrowtown. The locket bears a suitable inscription, and has a heart with arrow passing through engraved thereon, emblematic of the name of the Lodge, "The Golden Arrow." —Arrow Observer.

The following item of news was telegraphed from Wellington yesterday to Mr C. E. Nicholas, our local telegraphist, by Mr R. A. Edwin, probably Meteorologist Royal, or something of the sort. Mr Nicholas, seeing that the substance of the telegram was of importance, and designed for public information, handed it to us for insertion. It is as follows:—"Expect bad weather soon. Barometer falling rapidly."

Mr Vogel has secured a great victory on his proposal for the abolition of the Northern Provinces. With reference to the statement made by Mr O'Rourke that he had stated in the Cabinet, his intention of retiring, Messrs Reynolds, McLean, and Richardson bore out Mr Vogel's assertion, that Mr O'Rourke had merely announced that he was opposed to the proposals, but never that he intended to retire. The Press in the South Island is almost unanimously in favour of the change. In Auckland, at a public meeting, an intimation of Mr Vogel's having carried his resolutions was received with hisses.

In the case of Sun Yow and others v. Koch and others, the appeal case in the District Court at Clyde last week, we take the following concluding portion of Judge Gray's judgment from the *Dunstan Times*. The case was decided on certain points raised by plaintiffs' counsel relative to defects in the complaint made and summons issued by the previous complainants, Koch and party, and his Honor, after noticing counsel's arguments at length, said:—"He might send the case for a new trial before the Warden, where from a certain point the defects could be amended. but he thought it better, on the whole, that the plaintiffs should commence anew, and his judgment would be that the judgment of the Warden be turned into a judgment dismissing the complaint without prejudice, with liberty to the plaintiffs to take the same proceedings anew, or any other proceedings which they might be advised, no costs in the Court below, and no costs in the appeal. His Honor added that if he had been able to give judgment on the merits of the case, he would have had no hesitation in confirming the judgment of the Warden. He thought that the evidence as produced before him in this appeal was overwhelming to the effect that the appellants had not duly pegged their claim."

## TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

### DUNEDIN.

MONDAY, 3 p.m.

A destructive fire broke out on the premises of Guthrie and Larnach, timber merchants, on Saturday morning, about four o'clock. Most of the building and an immense quantity of the stock and material were completely destroyed, as also were Haworth's premises, and the Spanish restaurant. The total amount of Guthrie and Larnach's insurance is a little over £20,000.

Insurances:—New Zealand, £3000; National, £2500; Norwich Union, £2000; Victoria, £2000; Standard, £1500; Australian Alliance, £1000. Haworths are insured in the New Zealand for £500, and in the Royal for £500. The Spanish Restaurant is insured in the New Zealand for £600.

Gibbs and Clayton, who occupied part of Guthrie and Larnach's premises, lose £2000.

The *Times*' Wellington correspondent telegraphs that a Government caucus was held on Saturday, and attended by forty-four members, who pledged themselves to support the Government on the Abolition of the Northern Provinces Bill next session.

The Ward-Chapman Committee report that the disclosures made are so extraordinary that they must recommend suppression of the evidence pending further inquiry.

The Tararua is at Hokitika with the European mails. The principal item is that Sir James Fergusson has resigned the Governorship of New Zealand. He is succeeded by the Marquis of Normanby.

### ROXBURGH.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Yesterday, Mr MacKellar, Goldfields Secretary, visited the disputed Millar's Flat block, accompanied by Mr Warden Simpson, — Ireland, M.P.C., and a host of others.

In the evening he was interviewed by the Progress Committee, relative to the same matter.

He also attended a public meeting of about sixty of the inhabitants, convened to impress him with their local grievances.

Mr MacKellar alluded to and remarked upon each particular grievance as put forth, but beyond promising that the matters would have the earliest attention of himself and colleagues, did not commit himself by any definite promise. This seemed to surprise some of the speakers, who said they were in the habit on occasions like the present of having everything promised, and afterwards getting nothing performed; and they appeared sanguine that the result of this course on the part of Mr MacKellar would prove an agreeable surprise in the opposite direction.

### LAWRENCE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

August 19, 1874.

Mr Andrew Taylor, hotelkeeper at Tuapeka Mouth, was thrown from his horse on the evening of Saturday, August 8th, whilst on his way home from Lawrence. He was found the next day, Sunday, lying insensible near the roadside, by a party who left the Mouth in search of him. Medical aid was at once procured from Lawrence, but it was of no avail, and he died on Sunday evening. An inquest was held on Tuesday, and several witnesses were examined. The jury returned the following verdict:—"That Mr Taylor met with his death by a fall from his horse." The deceased was greatly respected by all classes in this district, and there was a large gathering at the funeral, which took place on Wednesday. Much sympathy is felt for the widow, who is left with five children: Mr Taylor had a brother killed on the same road about three years ago, being run over by a dray.

At a meeting of members of the Lawrence Fire Brigade, held in the Commercial Hotel on last Saturday evening, it was decided to purchase, through Messrs A. and T. Burt, an engine capable of throwing 100 gallons of water per minute. The cost will be about £90. Rules for the management of the Brigade were adopted, after which the meeting adjourned for a fortnight, when the officers will be elected.

Mr and Mrs Williams, of the Victoria Hotel, entertained the other evening at dinner Mr W. E. Farrer, Agent of the Bank of New South Wales, who, after eleven years of service in Lawrence, leaves to-morrow for Europe on a twelve-months' leave of absence. About thirty friends of the above gentleman were present during the evening. Mr E. Herbert presented the guest with a purse containing 200 guineas, which had been subscribed by his friends, who wished him a safe journey and a speedy return. Mr Christophers, of Clyde, will take charge of the Agency during Mr Farrer's absence.

The Quadrille Club have had several pleasant gatherings during the winter months, and the hon. Secretary, Mr Fraer, informs me that an extra party will be held on Friday evening, when it is expected there will be a large assemblage.

The Tuapeka Pioneer Lodge of Oddfellows will celebrate their anniversary by a dinner to be held in the lodge-room on Friday, 4th September. It is expected to be a very successful affair.

The Corporation of Lawrence publish their half-yearly statement in to-day's *Times*. They show a balance to their credit of £1217 13s. 6d.

A special meeting of the Committee of Management of the Tuapeka Hospital was held in the Commercial Hotel on Tuesday evening, August 11th. There was a good attendance, and the President, E. H. Carew, Esq., occupied the chair. It was stated that the meeting had been called by two or three members of Committee to consider the position of the Committee, as well as that of the subscribers. The President said the fact spoke for itself; they were a Committee in fact if not in law, and until the law removed them they were quite competent to remain and act as a Committee. After some conversation, Mr Bryant moved that the Committee obtain a legal opinion on the question at issue as to what their position really was. Several members thought this course quite unnecessary, as they had every confidence in the legal opinion of the President. After some conversation the motion was withdrawn. The President thought the less said about past management the better for the institution, and he was supported in this opinion by several members, who thought it would only be like stirring up muddy water to enter upon any discussion as to the past management. Mr Fraer moved that the Sub-Committee appointed to draw up the rules submit a draft of the same for approval at the next monthly meeting of Committee, after which they can decide upon the time for calling a meeting of contributors. Mr Armstrong seconded, and it was carried *nem. con.* In reply to a question put by Mr Harrop, the Chairman said he considered that a contributor who had paid his contribution of any sum during the current year could appear at the meeting of subscribers and vote. The Sub-Committee appointed to draw up the rules consists of the following gentlemen: The President and Messrs Harrop, Fraer, Hill, Squires, and Dr Halley.

### DUNSTAN.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

The District Court commenced its sittings on Monday last with the appeal case of Sun Yow v. Koch and others, which occupied the Court for two days, resulting in the appeal being dismissed. In the case of Morse v. Naylor, judgment was deferred for four months to allow time for word to come from Canada, the residence of the plaintiff, as to whether a draft for the money now sued for had been received by him.

The case of Donohue v. Briscoe and Co., in the Resident Magistrate's Court, on Thursday, resulted in a nonsuit, plaintiff having to pay all expenses, which were considerable, illustrating the folly of rushing unprepared into the arms of the law.

The Clyde Choral Society gave their periodical concert on Friday evening in the Town Hall, the object on this occasion being in aid of the funds of the Benevolent Asylum. As a musical effort it undoubtedly was the best yet achieved, looking at it of course from an amateur point of view. It is to be regretted, however, that the attendance was poor, and therefore financially it cannot be

considered that success which the object in view and the merits of the performers deserved. The concert opened with an overture by the Clyde Brass Band, which was quickly followed by a glee by the whole company, entitled "The Carnival." Mr Stevens then sang a solo, which was rendered with great taste and feeling, though somewhat marred in effect by indistinctness of articulation. Mr A. A. Oliver then readily responded to his name, and read "Tam O'Shanter," which, though excellently delivered, did not meet with that rapturous applause an entirely Scotch audience would have bestowed. The company again fronted the audience, and their voices gave forth "Ring the Bell," which was enthusiastically applauded. Another reading was announced, and Mr R. A. Snook, of Cromwell, was introduced, who read, or I should rather say acted, "Professor Snuffles." It is generally admitted, and as a rule followed that criticisms on amateur efforts, especially on behalf of charitable institutions, should be generous and laudatory, and therefore when warm praise is accorded it is attributed to this unvarying principle. And therefore I would rather abstain from speaking in too high terms, contenting myself with re-echoing the opinions of all present, which were united in saying that Mr Snook's readings, and especially that of the "Rationalistic Chicken," were pieces of rare acting, in which the reader carried away the audience, until the fact was forgotten that they were in a country town instead of a city theatre. And when I say this gentleman, (a stranger to us all, by the way,) was encored, and that encore heartily responded to, a fact unprecedented in the annals of amateur proceedings, or any other that I am aware of,—no other eulogy can be accorded in testimony of the appreciation of this gentleman's ability as a reader and delineator of character. Mr Eames and Mr McConnochie also obliged the audience, and received bursts of applause, especially the latter, who was heartily encored after his song, "They're Cronies of Mine." Glee and solos followed in due order, and at last, with one, accord all those who were hitherto recumbent rose erect in obedience to the grand old strains of "God save the Queen," which flooded the Hall with the rich harmony one is never tired of hearing, and to which our Band,—I say it with a feeling of conscious pride,—did noble justice. And thus ended another of those pleasurable intellectual evenings for which we are indebted to the Society, and one which I am bound to say, speaking for myself, no time or distance can efface the recollection of.

### DUNEDIN LABOUR MARKET.

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### WARDEN'S COURT.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 1874.

(Before W. Lawrence Simpson, Esq., Warden.)

#### APPLICATIONS.

*Extended Claims.*—Ang Ow and two others, three acres, Smith's gully: held over pending intimation of decision of District Court.—G. Koch and others, three acres, Smith's gully: similarly dealt with.—S. Fuller and three others, four acres at Nevis: granted.—James Leslie, one acre at Brown's flat: objections by M'Nulty and others withdrawn, and application granted.—George Manson, one acre, Pipeclay gully: granted.—John Shaw and three others, four acres, Pipeclay gully: granted.—W. B. Young and two others, three acres, Pipeclay gully: granted.—H. Joblin and another, two acres on Meg flat: granted.

In connection with the application of Koch and party, Mr Koch appeared and complained of the action of their opponents, the Chinese, in the matter. They had re-marked the ground, and were continually pulling out the European pegs; and, so far as he knew, they had no redress. He claimed the protection of the Court.—The Warden said he could do nothing in the matter. If Koch and party caught the Chinese, they could take action against them. That was the only remedy.

*Tail Races.*—Charles Koch and two others, from claim in Smith's gully: further adjourned pending intimation of decision of District Court.—W. B. Young and two others, from claim in Pipeclay gully: adjourned until Warden can see

ground.—George Manson, from claim in Pipeclay gully: granted.

*Tunnels.*—W. Bell and another, from coal lease in Adams's gully: no power to deal with application.—George Manson and another, from claim in Pipeclay gully: granted.

*Water Races.*—Sun Ping and three others, two sluiceways from Smith's gully: adjourned sine die.—Arch. Ritchie, two sluiceways from Blind gully, Bannockburn: objected to by Ah Hing and Thomas Tong, and refused.—H. Thomas and another, to alter head of licensed water race: adjourned for one week so that all parties interested in alteration may be notified.

*Residence Areas.*—Davis Davis, one acre at Kawarau Gorge: granted.—James Robertson, one acre at Bannockburn: granted.

*Gold Mining Lease.*—Wm. Masters and others applied for leave to withdraw application for ten acres at Nevis: leave granted.

#### COMPLAINTS.

*Police v. Whetter.*—Charge of carrying on business in Quartzville without a business license. Fined 20s., and costs.

*Maher v. Goodger and others.*—Claim on contract for cutting portions of race. Mr J. H. Cowan for plaintiff; Mr F. J. Wilson appeared for Messrs Goodger and O'Neill, of the party. Mr Cowan said a summons had also been served on Mulholland.

Some further remarks having taken place, the Warden, addressing the Clerk of the Court, said that in future he must compel solicitors to write out their own summonses.

Mr Cowan said in this case, Mr Baird, the Clerk, had written out the summons to Goodger without his instructions, on receiving the complaint. He also drew his Worship's notice to the fact that Mr Baird had allowed the complaint to leave the Court precincts, and blamed him for giving it into the custody of Maher, who brought it to him (Mr Cowan).

Mr Simpson said he failed to see how the Clerk was to blame in the matter. The Clerk was really obliging Mr Cowan by allowing him to have the complaint, and it was unbecoming in Mr Cowan to blame him. The Clerk would please in future to confer no obligations, so that it would not be possible for them afterwards to be cast in his teeth.

Mr Cowan said while the complaint was in his hands, he must confess he had taken the liberty to slightly alter it by filling in Lars Petersen's name as a defendant. But it was impossible to serve him personally with a summons, as Mr O'Neill had since told him that Petersen had gone to Sweden.

Mr O'Neill gave this statement a flat contradiction.

Mr Cowan said it was well known that Mr O'Neill was a good swearer, and what he now said in the matter was not worthy of credence.

The Warden could not allow the Court to be turned into a bear-garden. Mr Cowan must be more discreet in his language, and Mr O'Neill must say anything he wished to say through his solicitor.

Mr Cowan asked that the necessity of serving a summons on Petersen be done away with, seeing that the man had gone to Sweden.

Mr Wilson objected. A person whom the law placed the utmost confidence in had taken it upon him to alter the complaint, and it was not to be expected that he should be allowed to play fast and loose, as suited him.

The Warden adjourned the case; summons for Petersen to be served in accordance with the Regulations, at his claim or place of residence.

*Dagg and others v. Goodger and others.*—Mr Cowan, for plaintiffs, applied for a similar order with regard to Petersen in this case.

Mr Cowan would here bring under the notice of the Warden the fact that he had been refused a request to make a search through Court documents by the Clerk of the Court. He would ask if solicitors were not allowed to make such a search, or were they to be satisfied with the word of the Clerk as to whether any certain document was to be found or not?

The Warden said it depended entirely on the amount of trust the Clerk was disposed to place in the person asking for leave to search. The Clerk was responsible for the Court documents.

Mr Cowan said the fact was that the Clerk was in the practice of holding interests in mining property, and he therefore wished to keep the existence of certain transfers, &c., a secret.

The Warden said an accusation of that sort must be made in writing.

Mr Cowan said he would make it in writing. He hoped that in the remarks by the Bench, no insinuation was made as regarded himself or any member of his honourable profession. The Clerk might not think him trustworthy, but he did not care a straw what the Clerk thought about him.

Mr Simpson interrupted. He had been connected with the profession from his youth up, and knew what was due to it, and what was to be expected from it; and he had been careful to state that he hoped no member of the profession would be considered unworthy by the Clerk of being allowed to search.

The application was granted.

### RESIDENT MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 1874.

(Before W. Lawrence Simpson, Esq., R.M.)

Thomas Hunter was brought up charged with being of an unsound mind. Having been examined by two medical gentlemen, who certified that he was merely suffering from a temporary aberration, Hunter was discharged.

Josh Billings says: "Yu kant find contentment laid down on the map; it iz an imaginary place not settled yet, and those reach it s onest who throw away their compass and go it blind."

*Holloway's Pills.*—There is nothing in the whole "Materia Medica" like these medicaments for the certainty of their action in lumbago, tic doloureux, sciatica, and all flying or settled pains in the nerves and muscles. Diseases of this nature originate in bad blood and depraved humors, until these are corrected there can be no permanent cure. The ordinary remedies may afford temporary relief, but the end always disappoints the sufferer. Holloway's Ointment penetrates the human system as salt penetrates in at, and the Pills greatly assist and accelerate its operation by clearing away all obstruction, and giving tone to the system generally. The prophylactic virtues of Holloway's remedies are unrivalled.



## CARDRONA MINING NEWS.

(By our Reporter.)

This winter is said to have been the most severe experienced on this goldfield for the last eight or nine years. The frost and snow have caused great damage to the water-races, and it will be some time before work can be fairly recommenced in many of the claims, as the damage done will have to be repaired, both as regards head and tail-races. All the sluicing claims in the creek are at a standstill, and the only parties working are a few Chinese who work with the water from the creek itself. At Branch Creek, after an enforced idleness caused by the frost of about two months, a fresh start has been made, and work is being proceeded with.

The deep-sinking claims are still working away steadily.

The Empire claim keeps seven men employed, all shareholders. This claim appears to contain very good patches, and averages good wages generally.—The Great Extended (late Band of Hope) now have a shaft down about 130 feet, and have driven up towards the hill about 200 feet prospecting for the deep lead. Foul air is apparently going to cause them a great deal of trouble and expense. This party are exceedingly unfortunate. They have steadily worked away for the last two or three years, contending against really extraordinary difficulties, and now, just when they had every prospect of reaping the fruition of their labour, they fall across this foul air, as if nothing but trouble were in store for them. In consequence, they will have to shift their plant farther back, and sink another shaft near the end of the present drive, when they hope to strike the lead without further difficulty.—The Enterprise, lately purchased by Mr J. Torrie, appears to be making small wages. The working of this claim is hindered greatly, owing to the great body of water which apparently is backed up at the head. But they are now fetching up a tail-race from the front of the claim, with which they will be able to thoroughly drain it, when they will have no difficulty in making it pay.—The Banner of War party are fetching their washdirt a distance of about 500 feet from the incline. This claim to all appearances is one of the most lasting and best paying ones on the creek. The result of their last week's work was about 13 ounces. The claim gives steady employment to seven or eight men, all shareholders.—Messrs Bond and Cooper have applied for the Old Gin and Raspberry and Pirate claims, comprising about six acres. This was at one time the richest ground on the creek.

## MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

The regular meeting of the above body took place in the Council Chamber on Friday, 21st instant. Present: the Mayor (Mr D. A. Jolly), Crs Wright, Shanly, Whetter, Taylor, Hayes, and Grant.

There was a very fair attendance of the public.

## MINUTES.

The minutes of previous meetings were read and confirmed.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

The Town Clerk read the inward correspondence. It consisted of:—An application by Mr James Stuart to lease a section near the Courthouse; a letter from Wellington, acknowledging receipt of the intimation of Mayor's election; a circular from the Thames Borough Council, asking if something could not be done by united action on the part of Corporations in the Colony, to secure publican's and other license fees, dog-tax, &c., as part of their revenue; a letter from Mr J. R. Cowan, solicitor to the Corporation, detailing the steps necessary to be taken in re waterworks for the town; an application from Mr James Taylor to divert portion of water in the town-race; an application by Mr G. W. Goodger to lease 10 ft. 6 in. of the Corporation reserve between his hotel and Mr Colclough's residence, such being necessary as a right-of-way to his back premises; an application from Messrs Drummy and Heron to use portion of the footpath, near Hallenstein and Co.'s store; a letter from the Minister of Justice, Wellington, conferring the appointment of J. P. on the newly-elected Mayor; a telegram from Mr T. L. Shepherd, M.H.R., stating that the Waterworks Bill had passed the House; and a letter from the Provincial Government, regarding the occupancy of Block IX. and of portion of the street.

## THAMES BOROUGH COUNCIL.

Regarding the circular from this body, the Mayor said up North they were apparently behind the times. Corporations in this Province had enjoyed for some time the blessings the Thames Council wished to agitate for.

A motion that the circular be answered to this effect was carried.

## APPLICATIONS TO LEASE.

In relation to these applications,—those of Messrs Goodger and Stuart, made that evening, and one by Mr Murrell, made previously,—Cr Grant moved that consideration of them be adjourned. He was going to give notice of motion to the effect that all the municipal reserves be looked up, and steps taken to make them become reproductive. Cr Hayes seconded this motion.

Cr Wright moved as an amendment, that the applications for ground near the Town-hall be now considered, and that they be refused. He was strongly averse to leasing any more of the ground near the Council Chamber, as it might be required some day for Corporation building purposes.

This met with no seconder, and the motion was therefore carried.

## OTHER APPLICATIONS.

The application of Messrs Drummy and Heron and that of Mr James Taylor were granted.

## CROMWELL WATERWORKS.

Mr Cowan's letter was referred to the consideration of the Public Works and Legislative and Rate Committees.

## BLOCK IX.

The Mayor then brought before the notice of the Council the letter from the Provincial Government, in relation to the above question. The following is a copy of the letter:—

The Mayor said he was surprised at the Government taking notice of the letter referred to. The writer of that letter had shown very scant courtesy to the Council in first not communicating with it. The proper course would have been to ask the Council to deal with the vexed question, and if it had refused, then to go to the Government. He had taken the trouble to look through the Corporation letter book, and had noted all the correspondence which had taken place on the subject.

Cr Grant asked whether they were to understand that they should deal with the Block IX. question, or simply in the meantime with the letter before them. One thing he would like to know was, who this Marsh was, or what he had to do with it? Was the person a man or a woman?

The Mayor said the person was called Mr Marsh in the letter. He asked the Town Clerk to read the correspondence referred to. This having been done,

The Mayor said it would be best to consider what reply to send to the letter from the Government.

Cr Wright could not see that any reply was required. The Government gave them a positive command on the subject.

Cr Taylor said, in his opinion, the sending of a letter to the Government by a private citizen was an insult to the Council. He would move that the letter be sent back to the Government, and they be told to refer the matter to the Council itself. The position of members of the Council was not a rosy one; they got any amount of blame and "chaff," but no praise; and a deliberate insult like the present should be resented. If they were to be dictated to by the Government as to their duty, it was time they were dissolved and sent about their business.

The Mayor asked the Council to consider before taking such an extreme step; it would be as great an insult to the Government as that offered to the Council.

Cr Whetter seconded Cr Taylor's proposition, and thought they should take a firm stand.

Cr Shanly handed in a petition on the subject from certain townspeople, which the Mayor said would be dealt with in proper time.

Cr Grant moved, as an amendment to Cr Taylor's motion, "That the Under-Secretary's letter be acknowledged, and that the Government be requested to furnish the Council with the particulars of the grievance complained of, no complaints having been made to this Council respecting the width of Melmore-terrace, or the inhabitants located on Block IX." He said the Council had not sufficient information before them as to what was complained of on which to act. He must say that he was surprised at Mr John Marsh, who of all men should have been the last to write in the matter. In the first place, he was an ex-Councillor, and if there had been any faults on the part of the Council in their action regarding the Block, he was in a manner partly responsible; besides, he knew the proper cause to adopt in courtesy to the Council. And it looked bad for him to go to the Government with a complaint in the matter; he was one of the first transgressors, and still occupied a portion of the street. While a member of the Council, also, he had run foul of the Bridge reserve, and he succeeded in becoming a possessor under rather questionable circumstances. The Government had placed a valuation on the allotment, when he (Mr Marsh) applied for it, of L.3 a foot frontage; but by means of private influence, he had got it added to Block XXVII., and bought it quietly for L.5. It was an old cry of Mr Marsh's that squatocracy and progression —

Cr Taylor interrupted, and the Mayor suggested brevity.

Cr Grant acquiesced. He was sorry to have to speak in this way, but there was no other course open to him. A well-known quotation was exceedingly applicable to Mr Marsh's action:

Man's inhumanity to man  
Makes countless thousands mourn.

Cr Hayes seconded the amendment. He thought it a much wiser course to adopt, than to insult the Government by returning their letter.

The amendment was then put, with the following result: For, (3) Messrs Grant, Hayes, and Wright; against, (3) Messrs Taylor, Shanly, and Whetter. The Mayor gave his casting vote in favour of the amendment, which was declared carried.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

The Financial Committee brought up a report on a number of accounts presented for payment, and these were then dealt with.

The Public Works Committee also presented a report. Regarding the selection of a site for a manure depot, they reported that a site near the slaughtering yards would be most suitable, if it were not found that the expense of carting rubbish and other matter there would be too great. The present depot, if properly looked after, would also be very suitable. It was sandy soil, and Corporation property; and the deposit of manure on it

would do much to fertilize it, and aid the growth of the seeds which the Council had given instructions should be sown upon it. They also requested that as early as possible they would be furnished with a statement of what funds were available for public works. The report was received.

After some amount of discussion, Cr Hayes proposed that the present depot be retained. He thought the deposit of manure had already done good by preventing the sand from rising; and he believed that by continuing it the sand nuisance would be greatly lessened.

Cr Wright seconded this, and it was carried.

## GRAVELLING FOOTPATHS AND STREET.

In reference to Cr Shanly's notice of motion with regard to the above matter, it was deemed advisable to let it stand over until gravel could be obtained from the cutting in Sligo-street.

## EARTH-CLOSET SYSTEM.

The Mayor said the Council might consider it necessary to take some steps in order to have the above system carried out in its entirety. One citizen to comply with the by-law, and another not, would never succeed in effecting the object sought to be gained.

Cr Whetter would certainly like to see some strict measures devised to compel the universal adoption of the system. He would propose that the Inspector of Nuisances be instructed to do his duty thoroughly in the matter.

Cr Shanly seconded this, and it was carried.

## STREET CLEANING, ETC.

Cr Hayes proposed that "Tenders be called for cleaning the street, attending to the water-race, removing rubbish and manure to the depot, and performing the scavenger's work generally, for three months."

Cr Shanly seconded the motion, and it was carried.

In the matter of the supervision of this contract, a discussion took place. Cr Taylor suggested that the members of the Public Works Committee might take it upon themselves to see that the contract was faithfully performed. Too much was expended on commission and inspection fees, and retrenchment was required.—Cr Grant agreed, and thought it was high time to economise.—Cr Shanly objected to the members of the Public Works Committee acting as a kind of Inspectors of Nuisances, and he for one would not do it. The best plan would be to give a decent salary to an Inspector of Nuisances, and then they could have a person responsible for the work of supervision.

Cr Taylor gave notice of motion that the salary of the Inspector of Nuisances be increased to L.10, and (on the suggestion of Cr Shanly) that L.5 be added for looking after the scavenger's contract.

## BLOCK IX. AGAIN.

Cr Grant gave notice of motion to the effect that the Council take into consideration the subject of the width of Melmore-terrace, and the advisability of having Block IX. surveyed and sold.

## CONCLUSION.

A vote of thanks to the Mayor concluded the meeting.

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The inhabitants of the Cromwell district are sometimes puzzled to know which is the best and cheapest establishment to purchase their supplies of drapery and clothing at. They should no longer remain in doubt on that score. If they will only pay one visit to W. TALBOYS' London House, they will discover for themselves, that it is not only the cheapest but the best store at which to deal for these articles. Mr Talboys has made arrangements to import his stock direct from the Home markets, and the public can rest assured that everything will be sold by him at an advance only sufficient to repay the original cost, and return a fair percentage on the outlay. Every article in Mr Talboys' establishment is marked in plain figures, from which no abatement is ever made. A fuller description of the stock will be found in advertisement in another column.—[Advtr.]

## ORIGINAL POETRY.

## THE COMET.

AN ODE.

Away! away! through the spangled sky,  
In glorious triumph how swift I fly!  
Before my passage the stars recede,  
Nothing can slacken my glorious speed:  
From morn till eve, and from eve till morn,  
Triumphant from pole to pole I'm borne.  
And I shake my hair  
In the midnight air,  
And the heavens are filled with the lurid glare!

How I laugh at the planets creeping along,  
Whilst I rush free through the starry throng!  
Fleet as the wings of the rapid wind!  
Dragging my fiery tail behind—  
I seem like a giant of wrath in the sky,  
Spreading destruction around as I fly!  
And away I ride  
In power and pride  
Through the blue vault of ether far and wide.

But as I haste by in my headlong flight,  
And light up a flame in the shades of night,  
Men stare up aloft in dread amaze  
At my long bright hair and its glowing blaze;  
Terror reigns chill in their craven breast,  
And they start up aghast from their broken rest.  
And the infant screams  
In its midnight dreams  
When my flaming track in the red sky gleams.

When I approach Man trembling sees  
Grim Death, and War, and pale Disease,  
Famine, with jaws distended wide,  
All gathered, threatening, at my side;  
Destruction, figured in my streaming fire,  
Harling his lighted brand, and wreaking vengeance dire!

Then Kings, arrayed in sumptuous gold,  
Glitt'ring 'mid gems of price untold,  
Wax pale with sudden fear;  
For, 'mid their revels, in the sky  
They see the fatal comet fly,  
And feel their end draw near.

Fain would they strive my course to stay,  
And all my fancied wrath appease,  
In vain they stoop and cringe and pray,  
And bend to earth their suppliant knees:  
The comet, monarch of the skies,  
Still on his boundless journey hies;  
Nor deigns man's trembling voice to heed,  
But ever hastens on with light and joyous speed.

Away! far away! through the broad, open sky,  
Still faster I speed, for the daylight is nigh;  
Onward I ride on the wings of the gale,  
And behind me far stretches the red-glowing trail.

Whilst beneath me the earth lies buried in sleep,  
In the vast airy regions my revels I keep;  
And I lord it in might over planet and star,  
For from both goals of heaven my sway spreadeth far.

And I proudly delight in the fear I inspire  
In mortals' dull hearts, when I shew my dread fire;  
And I laugh in my glee at their needless alarm,  
As I speed through the heavens, nor e'er dream of harm.

And I heed not their prayer,  
But I shake my bright hair,  
For I must love to revel when weak men despair!

## BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS.

MESSRS L. HALLENSTEIN AND CO.'S NEW WAREHOUSE.

As we stated last week, new premises for Messrs L. Hallenstein and Co. are being erected in Melmore-street on a site adjoining the present store. We have been favoured with a description of the intended erection, which is now in course of progress.

The building will be of two stories, having a frontage to the street of 56 feet. On the ground floor, there will be the store, 33ft. 6in. x 30ft., with a handsome staircase leading to the floor above, which will contain show-rooms, &c. The whole will be elegantly fitted up, and the rooms well lighted. The building will also contain the manager's residence, having an entrance-hall on the ground floor, communicating with the store on one side, and with the dining-room, &c., on the other. The dining-room will be 15ft. 6in. by 12ft., and the kitchen 14ft. by 12ft. In the hall is placed the staircase to first-floor. This floor contains a drawing-room, 15ft. 6in. by 12ft., and three large bedrooms and a bath-room. The height of the ceiling in the ground-floor will be 11ft. 6in. clear, and in first-floor, 10ft. 6in. The walls will be built of stone and concrete, and, with the ceilings, will be plastered throughout inside.

The building externally will have a very imposing appearance, and is designed as follows:—From the basecourse at each end of front rise pilasters 21 feet in length, on which is supported the main entablature. This will consist of moulded architraves, frieze, and cornice, the latter supported by beautifully moulded cantilevers. The main pilasters will have moulded caps and bases, the former having enrichments in each. Between the two floors will be a moulded string-course, &c., stopping on the main pilasters. These will be supported by a series of smaller coupled pilasters, along the whole front. The store will have plate glass front, and handsome entrance doorway, the latter to be folding, and fitted with crystal handles and finger plates. The front of the building to Melmore-street will be finished in Portland cement.

The contractors are Messrs Drummy and Heron, of Cromwell, and the architect is Mr F. W. Burwell, of Queenstown.

The West Coast Times takes the following cheerful view of things:—"Thanks to Dr Featherstone, scarlatina, typhoid fever, measles, smallpox, and other agreeable visitants, are now pretty well acclimatised by immigration in New Zealand, and, when the summer comes on, the seeds that are now latent will in all probability bloom luxuriantly."

## AUSTRALIAN NEWS.

Lurline and Papapa are reported to have suffered a good deal by the voyage. Lurline is not to be sent to Sydney, she being reserved for Melbourne events.

Madame Arabella Goddard proceeds to Dunedin, via Melbourne, after performing at Bathurst.

A young man, named Alexander Cairns, has attempted suicide by first cutting his throat, and then by drowning.

A Chinaman has been found hanging to a tree in the Creswick ranges.

The Sandhurst mining dividends for the week amounted to over £18,000.

There are 51 acceptances for the Melbourne Cup. Among those scratched is Calumny, who goes to Sydney. Papapa, of the New Zealand horses, is especially fancied for the Cup.

The Misses Moëzlin recently came into possession of a fortune of £30,000, and at once proceeded to distribute over £20,000 amongst the charitable institutions of Victoria.

Blondin gave a benefit to the Brisbane Hospital. The place was crowded. He walked across the rope with baskets on his feet and shackles on his legs. At the benefit, he carried over a harmonium, and played a selection of the middle of the rope.

The *Sydney Morning Herald* says:—"Mr Luscombe Searrell, a composer of promise, who may be said to be almost a native of New Zealand, has arranged as a fantasia, in a very spirited manner, the celebrated duet, 'The Bold Gendarmes,' from Offenbach's opera of 'Genevieve de Brabant.' This effort of the young musician displays considerable knowledge of effective composition for the piano-forte. Master Searrell, we are informed, is engaged on the construction of an opera, which he intends to produce in Sydney."

"On Friday evening," says the *Sydney Morning Herald*, "a scene occurred reminding the spectators of the descriptions which have from time to time been given of disturbances in some of the manufacturing districts of England. The captain of the steamer Western, trading between Sydney and some northern ports, had, it appears, shipped seven or eight Chinamen to take the place of some European seamen, members of the Seamen's Union. About 5 o'clock on Friday evening the captain sought to get them on board the steamer, which was then lying in Darling Harbour. A large crowd of seamen belonging, it is said, to the Union, collected, and would not allow the Chinese to go on board. The captain procured a furniture van, had the Chinamen, together with their luggage, placed in it, and drove to the Circular Quay. The Western in the meantime was got round into the Cove. The Captain having got the seamen to the Circular Quay, then went to the Water Police Station where all the available hands were directed to accompany him. About 200 or 300 persons had then assembled on the Circular Quay, and began to throw stones and other missiles at the Chinamen, several of whom were hit and bruised and cut about the face. The Water Police got the Chinese into a boat, which reached the Western in safety."

## Teaching Parliament to Catch Turtle.

Large portions of the Polynesian Papers presented to Parliament by Mr Vogel read like parts of tales of travel and adventure, and are most interesting outside the object with which they were presented. Take for instance the following description of turtle catching at the Gallapagos islands:—

There are several ways of catching turtle, but the most usual is to watch for them at night. When they are taken during the day, it is generally by surprising them while they are asleep on the surface of the water. On those occasions the practice is, so soon as the turtle is discovered, for several persons go out to him in a canoe, and paddle silently alongside, when they seize him and lift him on board before he knows what is going on. They are quite harmless, except in the mere matter of floundering and striking out with their flippers, with which they can deliver a severe blow. It is very rare for them to attempt to bite. When a turtle is found sleeping, and he is of great size, and but few men to seize him, it is usual to harpoon him. During the breeding season these creatures are very careless of their safety; they are found in congeries, and, under certain circumstances, exhibit no sense of danger, or desire to escape from the presence of man. When several turtles are in this state, a like number of men, having approached them in a canoe, will jump overboard and lay hold of them thus: the man gets on the back of the turtle, and takes hold with his hands of the front of the shell, just behind the neck. This prevents him from "sounding," that is to say, going down head foremost, as a turtle will always do when alarmed, if not prevented, as in this case he is effectually by the weight of the man on his back. He is thus quite helpless, for he has no idea of getting rid of his rider, except by diving head first, and allows himself to be steered in any direction his captors may choose. Thus he is brought up alongside the canoe, and hoisted into it without resistance. But in playing this little game, which seems so simple, there are several things which it is necessary to know. One of them is, that a turtle in the water can cut a naked man very dangerously with his flippers; another thing to be avoided is to catch the turtle by the tail. God help the man that knows no better than to do so, for the reptile in that case will instantly shut his body, whereby he will hold the man's hand as tight as though it were in a vice, and, diving head foremost, will take him down to the bottom of the sea.

## Railway from Westland to Otago.

The *Arrow Observer* says:—"We observe from a recent number of the *Westland Register* that a subject is agitating the public mind in that Province having an important bearing on the future of the Wakatipu District, namely—railway communication between Westland and Otago, via Martin's Bay. The credit of originating the idea seems to be due to Mr Beetham, who, during his visit to the West Coast, pointed out to the authorities there the ease and practicability of the route above indicated. At a crowded meeting of the Hokitika Railway Committee and the public held in the town a few days ago, the project was freely discussed and favourably received. Previous to the public meeting, a number of the most influential gentlemen in Hokitika had met in the Superintendent's office and entered fully into the question of forming a line of railway connecting Westland with Otago by way of Martin's Bay, rather than adopting a proposed line to Canterbury. Those present favoured the construction of the line to Otago, and their reasons for so doing were explained at the public meeting by Mr Tabart. We cannot do better than quote that gentleman's own words. He said—

"He believed the Government had abandoned the idea of the Browning's Pass route. The estimated cost of a railway along that way was £810,000, as there were greater engineering difficulties to contend against. He thought, with those figures staring them in the face, and seeing the little practical benefit of a short line which would not open up a great extent of country, it would be better to turn to another road. If Westland could get communication with Otago via Martin's Bay and Lake Wakatipu, there would be a demand for all and any of Westland's products. Large areas of country in Otago would be populated but for the want of timber, and these areas were now only available for sheep-walks. A railway from the Grey to Hokitika, thence to Martin's Bay and Lake Wakatipu, presented no great engineering difficulties. It was advisable to get our Coast line opened up, our forests utilised, and hidden wealth used. Further, it was almost a certainty we should have a special settlement down South. The premier had intimated that he intended to ask for £11,000 to make a start with, and £2000 for the necessary depot. If we could get this line made at the same price as the Browning's Pass line, it would develop our resources and populate our country, and connect us with a Province decidedly favourable to Westland. It was not yet decided which line the Government would take in preference to the Browning's Pass line. Now was, therefore, the time to press upon the Government another possible route, so that we might have a railway down South, which, he thought, the Committee and the meeting would, on consideration, prefer to any other route."

After other speakers had expressed their opinions, a resolution was proposed and seconded:

That the Deputy-Superintendent be requested to ask the General Government to have a route to Otago via Martin's Bay surveyed.

It was, however, considered inadvisable to act hurriedly, and the meeting adjourned for three days before coming to a definite decision. The result of the adjourned meeting has not yet reached us, but we have no doubt it will be favourable to the Martin's Bay route."

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Mr James Tanner, who does a little popular speaking at election times in Kendal, disposed of an ultra-Radical argument against royal dowers by reducing the question to "a pipe of tobacco."—"They were going to give the Duke of Edinburgh £25,000 a-year. That seemed a large sum, but if they reckoned it up, they would find it cost exactly a pipe of tobacco per annum from every man that smokes in the three kingdoms. (Hear, hear, and laughter.) There was not a single man who agreed with him in the delightful habit of smoking, who, if he were to meet Prince Alfred on the road, would not give him a pipeful of tobacco." (Laughter.)

Referring to a recently published romance, professing to give an account of one of the New Zealand wars, a writer in the *Napier Telegraph* says:—"The Natives in this book are a most romantic and poetical lot, very far removed indeed from the original Simon Pures; but the richest piece in it was where the author makes the assembled warriors sing their great war song, 'Death to the Pakeha,' but, sad to say, he has been the victim of some wag who evidently had a good knowledge of the language, for these dusky savages, instead of chanting a war song of defiance, are singing one of the most lewd and lascivious 'hakas' it is possible to imagine! If some of the old dowagers about Clapham had a literal translation of the Maori words, they, perhaps, have been diligently poring over, their hair would stand erect with horror."

"The most expensive dressed man I ever saw" writes a captain in the navy, "was an African chief on the Gold Coast. His wives had anointed him thoroughly with palm oil, and then powdered him from head to foot with gold dust. You never saw in your life a man got up so utterly regardless of expense."

The Wellington correspondent of the *Evening Star* says:—"Six witnesses for the *Ward-Chapman's* inquiry arrived on Saturday. The Committee believes it is now in a fair way to unravel the tangled skein. Rumor says a lady resident at Oamaru has a son who communicated the matter to his mother, and the latter repeated what he told her until it ultimately found its way into the *Otago Daily Times* office, through medium of Mr Brown, the latter's correspondent at Oamaru. Judge Ward asserts his ability to prove that an offer of £50 was made to the boy to give the

actual telegrams. Mrs Clayton and Mr Macassey are being examined by the Committee this morning."

We are assured by an American paper that in the United States a case of cremation has actually occurred. The 'orematée' was George Opdyke, son of Dr Francis Opdyke, a native of Heidelberg. The body, which produced 'a quart of whitish grey ashes,' was burnt in a chimney of 'peculiar construction,' which had been constructed in peré Opdyke's house, and the ashes, placed in an urn, now ornament his study mantelpiece. There is one other little fact, however: the experiment cost £2,000.

"What do you call that!" indignantly asked a customer at a cheap restaurant, pointing out an object that he had discovered in a plate of hash. "Wristband, with a sleeve-button attached, sir," said the waiter briskly. "Well, do you consider that a proper thing for a man to find in his hash?" asked the customer in wrath. "Good heavens, sir!" cried the waiter, "would you expect to find a ten-dollar silk umbrella in a fifteen-cent plate of hash?"

A telegram from Tauranga, dated 18th inst., says:—"The bones of Rawira, the great Tauranga rebel, which were disinterred lately, were buried to-day in the Church Cemetery, next to the grave of Colonel Booth, who fought against him. The remains were followed to the grave by three hundred Natives. The pall-bearers were old European settlers—leading citizens—who respected the old warrior for his bravery and merciful behaviour to European women and children."

Quite a stampede is setting in from Nelson Creek, (Grey Valley) towards the diamond and goldfields of Africa. Several who went to the former at the first rush have sent back favorable reports from time to time, and these are now bearing fruit. Two of the oldest residents of Try-Again, Messrs David Kerr and Richard Livingstone, are going away next week, and it is said many others are prepared to follow.—*Grey River Argus*.

Mr Milburn, a compositor in the London Times office, who produced a set of verses in honour of the marriage of the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, has received an autograph letter of thanks from the Empress of Russia.

## Reported New Rush at the Palmer.

By the kindness of the captain of the Woodbine, which arrived in port yesterday, from Newcastle (N.S.W.), we have been placed in possession of late Sydney news files. The *Evening News* of the 23rd July extracts a long report on the Palmer River Goldfield from the columns of the *Cooktown Herald*, of July 8; in which is contained an account of the new rush to Sandy Creek, from which we reprint below. It must be borne in mind that this report has been supplied to the *Cooktown Herald* by Mr Yaldwyn, M.L.C.:—

Sandy Creek, the site of the new rush, comes into the Palmer on the other side of Thompson's range, at the head of the watershed of the Mitchell. The new rush has during the past fortnight created quite a furore amongst the diggers; the exciting news received from it having turned all their heads; and they are leaving everything to try their luck in the "fresh fields and pastures new." On the 20th June, intelligence was received that payable gold had been struck in Sandy Creek, and various were the rumours as to the nature of the returns, extravagant reports alleging that some men had got as much as 600ozs. to 700ozs. in a very short time, and that all were making from 3ozs. to 4ozs. per day; this latter turned out to be nearer the mark, for authentic information received afterwards stated that nearly every claim was making from 2ozs. to 3ozs. per day, and some were yielding much more. The ground, so far as it was tested, had been proved payable for some twelve miles, but it was known that parties were working some distance further up, and supposed to be on rich gold. All kinds of rumours were afloat as to extraordinary finds, but until Mr St. George's return definite information could not be got; suffice it to say that a great stampede has set in by storekeepers, butchers, and diggers, all of whom express themselves sanguine as to the payable nature of the ground. The Sandy Creek gold is of a very fine description; magnificent colour, and very coarse, evidently reef gold, and apparently not long ejected from the matrix. Mr Yaldwyn succeeded in obtaining a fair quantity of very handsome specimens, being coarse and nuggetty gold; and, judging from the description of the country, it is fully expected that some very rich reefs will be opened at the head of the creek. The day before Mr Yaldwyn left Palmerville, he received a letter from Mr St. George, who was then en route to the rush, in which it stated the news from Sandy Creek was of a most exciting nature, and to use his own words, "I only hope that half of it is true." Since then news has been received in town stating that the few men on the rush were making from 700ozs. to 800ozs. per week. Several other rushes have taken place, one 18 miles up the river, from all of which most encouraging news had been received, gold being got in one of them at 30ft. deep. Were we to publish half the letters that have reached town the last few days anent the new rush, the intelligence conveyed in them would certainly send all the people in Cooktown mad. But, as we are most desirous of placing the matter in its true light, we give a few extracts from letters of persons at the Palmer, in whose veracity we place the most implicit confidence. The first is from the Commissioner, who says that "The deep-sinking at the new rush, which has resulted in payable returns, stamps the Palmer as a permanent goldfield." A correspondent, writing to

us, says, "There is a big rush at Fish Creek, better known as Sandy Creek, and many claims are making from 1oz. to 6oz. per day. The left-hand branch, German Bar, and most of the workings are deserted for the new rush, which is situated about 25 miles from Palmerville, and 18 from Edwardstown, between the Mitchell and the Palmer. The sinking is at present from 3ft. to 12ft., with 3ft. of payable washdirt. Everybody speaks in the highest terms of the rush; and I know for a fact, that 1oz. per day has been left for it. Several new reefs have been opened lately with first-class show." A merchant in town received the following from his brother on the diggings:—"The news now coming says Sandy Creek is one of the best rushes ever on the Palmer; its locality is 25 miles from the main camp, and extends for fifty miles up the right-hand branch. As much as 4lb. weight has been washed in one day from a claim, and all are making good gold. There is a large extent of workable ground, and these facts are from one of the most dependable sources. I do not fear another insane rush, but a steady flow of the proper sort of men." Another local merchant placed the letter of his representative on the Palmer before us, from which we make the following extracts:—"There is a splendid rush to Sandy Creek, between the Palmer and the Mitchell, 25 miles from Palmerville, and 18 from Edwardstown. It is far before anything ever opened on the Palmer, or in the colony. I have seen Nicholson, (one of the prospectors), who says all are doing well, and from 700oz. to 800oz. per week are the returns for present workings. There are about 800 people on the ground, and all are making something; and a lot of claims are making from 4oz. to 6oz. per day, many getting more. One party are reported to have netted 600oz. in a fortnight, and another 150oz. in five days. The gold is being steadily traced toward the head of the Walsh, and supposed to extend on to the Tate. Many parties are out prospecting; and it is hoped before long that deep-sinking will be the order of the day." We do not wish to make undue excitement as regards the news from the Palmer, and only make a few extracts from the many letters handed us; but we can learn on all sides of the same news being received by many people in town; and, judging from the preparations being made, a regular stampede will set in to the new diggings.—*New Zealand Herald*.

## Cremation.

## COOL CONSIDERATION OF A HOT SUBJECT.

I hardly think, upon the whole, that I am in favour of cremation. The process seems to me to be so frightfully wasteful. At the same time, I am ready to admit that the dead might be used much more profitably than they are now. If a man must be buried, let him be planted where he will make something grow. I remember that Casselbenny of Vineland, New Jersey, once laid his grandmother under his grape vine, and by carefully watering her twice a day he secured a crop of fifteen bushels of Black Hamburgs. The subject came up in the Agricultural Society subsequently, and there was a question whether a grandmother was the only female relative that could be efficaciously used, and whether it should be a paternal or maternal grandmother. Casselbenny explained that he had known a maiden aunt or second cousin to do equally as well, and he had his step-father among the roots of his mammoth gooseberry bush, with every prospect of a superb crop. Very particular inquiries were made by several members concerning the availability of mothers-in-law, and a man named Johnson said he had been married four times, and had used all his mothers-in-law in improving the asparagus bed; he took the first prize for asparagus at eight country fairs. Then the meeting suddenly adjourned, and fifteen mothers-in-law in Vineland died during the succeeding week. And then there is the skeletons. The Esquimaux make skates out of the collar-bones of their departed friends, and I remember that Hufnagle, of Mauch Chunk, having lost his leg by a railway accident, took out the bone and had it made up into a clarinet, with which he used to go round serenading a woman who refused to love him. He always played in a minor key, and they say up at Mauch Chunk, that he whistled the most heartrending music out of that bone. When old Mackintosh of Darby died, his widow had his framework taken out, and she worked the whole of it up into knife handles and trouser buttons, which she gave to her second husband when they were married. The hottest kind of water never hurt those knives, and the suspenders that wouldn't stay buttoned on those buttons were admitted by everybody to be just no suspenders at all. But I admit there is something disagreeable about this form of utilisation, and therefore I rather incline to favour the plan of turning inanimate remains into illuminating gas by consuming them in retort. This, I understand, is practicable; and it would be, I should think, inexpressibly consoling to a man to sit and read the paper comfortably by the light of his deceased uncle, and to have the satisfaction of knowing that the said relative had not been run through a miter at so much a thousand feet. It would be beautiful to illuminate the parlour with a departed hired girl, or to turn off your half-brother before going to bed. And think what splendid gas a Congressman would make. We might have a law appropriating dead Congressmen to the Light House Board for use on the coast. This class of persons would then have the consolation of knowing that they would be much more useful after death than they are during life.—*Danbury News*.



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